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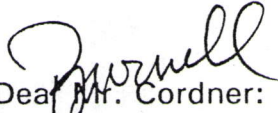
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October 21, 1992

Mr. F. Burnell Cordner  
Director  
Division of Air Quality  
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4820

  
Dear Mr. Cordner:

Re: Public Comments, Kennecott Corporation,, Barney's Canyon Mine,  
M/035/009, Salt Lake County, Utah

Enclosed please find one set of public comments received from a petitioner (TAME TIC Committee) during a recent 30-day public comment period regarding Kennecott Corporation's latest proposed project expansion to the Barney's Canyon Mine. We have also enclosed a copy of our October 20, 1992, conditional approval letter to Kennecott for your general information.

As indicated in our response letter to the TAME TIC Committee (copy attached), we believe that the Division of Air Quality, having primary regulatory jurisdiction, is better qualified to address the technical merits of those issues dealing with air quality-related concerns, but that the concerns dealing with variances to highwall reclamation and revegetation are appropriate issues for the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining to hear. We will schedule a formal Board hearing for December 2, 1992, at 10:00 AM to hear the petitioner's reclamation variance-related objections, and Kennecott's variance justification. You will be copied with the formal Notice of Agency Action when it is completed. Please notify us at your earliest convenience if you would like to participate in this formal adjudicative proceeding.

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Please provide us with copies of any correspondence that may be exchanged between your agency and this petitioner in responding to their air quality concerns. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter. Please contact me, or D. Wayne Hedberg of my staff if we can provide further information or clarification in this regard.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne", with a large, stylized initial "D" that loops around the first part of the name.

Dianne R. Nielson  
Director

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Enclosures

cc: David Hodson, Kennecott  
John Williams, TAME TIC Committee  
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